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1. Bulgarians living in the vicinity of Nis are reported to have organized a "National Liberation Committee", accepting as members all Bulgarians in Yugoslavia who oppose the Cominform. At the organizations meeting it was decided to compile dossiers on all Bulgarian refugees in Yugoslavia, classifying them according to political party membership.
2. Three members of the new Committee were arrested by the UDB and interrogated as to its aims and the reasons for its organization without official approval. The UDB was informed that the Committee intended to compile information on Bulgarian refugees in Yugoslavia and was especially interested in ferreting out Cominform supporters. Official approval was reportedly given for the work of the Committee.
3. It is alleged that Dr. G. M. Dimitrov has been in communication with the Committee and has given it his support. Dr. Dimitrov is said to have instructed the Committee not to undertake activities against Bulgaria until such were ordered. The Committee's work is presently limited to the collection of intelligence and the perfecting of its own organization.
4. Bulgarian refugees who are denounced to the Yugoslav authorities as Cominform agents are reportedly executed after an interrogation. Refugees who are opponents of the regime in Bulgaria are said to be given short terms in concentration camps after which they are liberated and may move about freely.

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